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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ENRG, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: GULF OIL ACTIVITY IN BUFFER ZONE

REF: (A) CAIRO 6849; (B) STATE 69195; (C) USUN 1359

1. THERE IS NOTHING IN EITHER BASIC SINAI DISENGAGEMENT  
AGREEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE RELEVANT THERETO WHICH WOULD  
REQUIRE ISRAELI CONCURRENCE TO EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED ECONOMIC  
ACTIVITY IN BUFFER ZONE. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, UN, AS  
ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY IN BUFFER ZONE, LEGALLY IS  
EMPOWERED TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR ACTIVITY SUCH AS THAT  
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CONTEMPLATED BY GULF.

2. HOWEVER, THIS BASIC AUTHORITY IS NOT AS DEFINITIVE  
AS IT APPEARS ON SURFACE. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL C, UN  
CONTINUES TO HOLD POSITION THAT IT IS REQUIRED TO CONSULT  
GOI BEFORE TAKING SUCH ACTION. FURTHERMORE, DEPARTMENT  
BELIEVES THAT ISRAELI POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED--I.E. THAT

A DECISION ON SUCH MATTERS SHOULD FLOW FROM DIRECT GOI-GOE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE. WE DOUBT THAT UN WOULD IGNORE ISRAELI VIEWS, EVEN THOUGH TECHNICALLY ABLE TO MAKE DECISION SOLELY ON ITS OWN AUTHORITY. ADDITIONALLY, PRECEDENT OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR SUCH ACTIVITY MIGHT CAUSE CONCERN, BOTH IN TERMS OF OTHER EGYPTIAN REQUESTS AND IN EVENT GOI SHOULD SEEK SIMILAR PERMISSION TO SPONSOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THAT PART OF BUFFER ZONE CONTROLLED BY ISRAEL.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT, IF APPROACH IS MADE TO UN, GOE (RATHER THAN GULF) SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD. ALTHOUGH WE PREFER TO LIMIT USG INITIATIVE TO LOW-LEVEL INQUIRIES (REFTEL B), WE WILL TAKE POSITION OUTLINED IN PARA 1, SHOULD UN REQUEST USG VIEWS. CHRISTOPHER

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